

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to honor Elaine Vaughan of Oak Ridge High School upon her receipt of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Elaine Vaughan of Oak Ridge High School, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, an educator for more than twenty-eight years, Ms. Vaughan was recently named a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching by President Barack Obama; she received the honor, which includes a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, on September 8, 2016, during a special ceremony held in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, one of only 213 mathematics and science teachers selected from across the nation, Elaine Vaughan and the other recipients were selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process at the state level; and

WHEREAS, a national board certified teacher, Ms. Vaughan has taught at Oak Ridge High School for twenty years and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society, a Hope Street Group Tennessee Teacher Fellow, and the pianist for the Oak Ridge High School spring musical; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughan truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty, staff, and students alike of Oak Ridge High School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Vaughan epitomizes the dedicated school teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Elaine Vaughan of Oak Ridge High School upon her receipt of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.